

AB The inhibitor inhibits the catalytic action of telomerase, for example, by acting on telomerase itself or by acting on the substrate targeted by telomerase. A specific chemical name for a substance also encompasses pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the substance.--

In the claims:

Amend claims 12 and 15 as follows:

Sub C1 Cont --12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said inhibitor is (TTAGGG)³ (SEQ ID NO:1).--

Sub C1 Cont --15. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said inhibitor is ACGTTGAGGGGCATC (SEQ ID NO:2).-- *AB*